

## Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC) Meeting of March 7, 2020

### *Member Attendance:*

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair  
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus

Frank Dalene  
Michael Hansen  
Anthony Liberatore  
Bruce W. Solomon  
Phil Young

### *Excused Absences:*

Lori Anne Czepiel

Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Emeritus

### *Elected Official:*

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC (vacation)

Guest Speaker: Christopher J. Gobler, PhD

### *Members of the Public:*

Julie Burmeister, BHCAC

Sara Davison

Nan French

Sam Kramer

Peter Brody

Gregg Higgins

Daniel Osborn

Ryan Rowzeee, ERHC

Jeff Smith, ERHC

Alex Edlich

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9:05AM – Carolyn Logan Gluck called the meeting to order and outlined the meeting process for questions to speakers.

**Introduction of guest speaker, Dr. Gobler. His topic: Assessment and Remediation at Wainscott Pond.**

Dr. Gobler's presentation highlighted the harmful algal bloom and cyanobacteria toxins caused by excessive nitrogen in the pond. The extent of these blooms and toxins has had a negative impact on the wildlife of the pond, including the Blue Spotted Salamander (only one seen in the last 2 years) and the White-Tailed Deer.

Dr. Gobler and Sara Davison (Friends of Georgica Pond) spoke about the dredging at Georgica Pond to alleviate harmful blooms and toxins. They discussed options for Wainscott Pond to improve the health of the pond.

C. Logan Gluck asked Dr. Gobler for a recommendation on what the WCAC could do to focus EHTB attention on the Wainscott Pond issue.

Dr. Gobler replied that a ground water data collection study of a length of one year would provide information on a full cycle of water movement and flow. This would help to identify the potential sources of pond water contamination. The goal of the water collection study would be to identify the design and location for a reactive barrier.

Dr. Gobler encouraged the WCAC to keep Wainscott Pond issues on the EHTB radar for funding opportunities.

**WCAC regular business:**

**February 2020 minutes**

The February minutes were moved and motioned for approval by Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel, seconded by Member Anthony Liberatore and approved by the Members present.

## **Public Comments:**

Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea discussed the Wainscott Chapel and Wainscott Sewing Society fundraising effort, noting that donations would be appreciated from the WCAC and other members of the community in lieu of the sewing society charging rent for the use of the chapel. He asked that checks be made out to the Wainscott Sewing Society (or WSS) with a notation in the lower left for "WCAC" and mailed to PO Box 273, Wainscott NY 11975. Online donations can be made through WainscottChapel.org or the Wainscott Chapel Facebook page.

Member of the public Daniel Osborn, concerned about water quality in Wainscott, informed the WCAC of a 2018 South Carolina Class Action lawsuit he filed in response to PFOA & PFOS in the water. The reason for sharing this is that any information generated could be used for rationale in other locations with similar problems. The information from South Carolina could provide data on adverse human and environmental outcomes. These types of cases usually take 5-6 years to complete. Mr. Osborn's claim is the only claim requiring reimbursement or granting capital to people who upgrade their water systems. Mr. Osborn went on to share that his information identifies that only 50% of Wainscott citizens have hooked up to the new town water lines.

C. Logan Gluck read a note from Chairman Emeritus Rick Del Mastro identifying his recent health challenges and asking for positive thoughts and prayers.

## **Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman**

Jeff Bragman was on vacation. C. Logan Gluck read a short update identifying that Town Board discussions on the specifics for Wainscott Green were postponed until the next meeting.

## **EHTB Meeting Report:**

Michael Hansen attended and reported the following: resolution to limit speed on local roads did not pass due to its needing to pass in Albany. M. Hansen encouraged members and non-members alike to write individual letters to Representative Thiele encouraging speed limits on Wainscott local roads.

Orsted Wind: EHTB passed a resolution to permit borings for ground testing along proposed path for electrical lines.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

### **Airport Update:**

Barry Frankel provided an update on the Airport Envisioning sub-committee. The

Guiding Principals generated will be circulated among all CAC members for input. The objective being options for Airport land use should there be a partial or full closure.

Sub-committee member Anthony Liberatore commented that he's heard people express concern that any reduction in KTHO (East Hampton Airport) would increase activity at Montauk Airport.

Frank Dalene said that the only study on the financial impact of KTHO was paid for by the Eastern Helicopter Council. He further identified the Rudin report as a source for many details on airport spending and income. He and Jeff Smith (ERHC) disagreed on the accurateness and bases for each of two expenditure reports.

The ultimate goal of the above is to identify a source, from which any actions taken on the future of the airport, could indicate positive or negative economic and environmental consequences for the town of East Hampton.

Jeff Smith (ERHC) said that the routes both to/fro have been approved by the Eastern Region Helicopter Association. They are: ECHO/ SIERRA / NOVEMBER.

Documents reflecting the above will be posted in the EHTB website.

Anthony Liberatore asked what these changes implied for Wainscott. Jeff Smith (ERHC) explained that In/Out would be on separate approaches, consequently reducing the amount of noise. Mr. Smith reaffirmed that all routes are voluntary.

**ARB:** Anthony Liberatore said the houses at 104 & 106 Wainscott Main Street property may be demolished. They are on an agriculture reserve.

**Highways Department:** Sayre's Path water drainage will be improved.

**Police Department:** No new updates

**Code Enforment:** No new updates

**Community Preservation Fund:** No Wainscott activity

**Planning Department:** No new Wainscott activity

**Building Department:** Frank Dalene shared that town is moving forward on CCA. WCAC member, Phil Young shared that the renovation of the restaurant in his shopping area has been slow due to the Town approval process.

**ZBA:** no new news

**Energy Sustainability:** Town to start collecting data on renewable transportation and heating fuels. Possibly a consultant is to be retained by EHTB.

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**Next Meeting:** April 4, 2020, 9am, Wainscott Chapel.

Chair Logan Gluck closed the meeting at 11:30 am pursuant to a motion moved by J. Arandia and seconded by M. Hansen.